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SUBJ: GREEK PERMREP CARAYANNIS CALL ON AMB SCALI

1. WHEN GREEK PERMREP CARAYANNIS PAID INITIAL COURTESY CALL, HE OPENED BY EXPRESSING HIS SHOCK AND DISMAY AT NEWS OF AMB DAVIES' DEATH. I THANKED HIM, AND READ TEXT OF COMMENTS ON US ATTITUDES TOWARD GREECE THAT SECY KISSINGER HAD MADE IN PRESIDENT'S NAME EARLIER IN DAY. WE EXCHANGED EXPRESSIONS OF CONFIDENCE THAT US-GREECE RELATIONS NOT PERMANENTLY SOURED. EACH OF US EXPRESSED DETERMINATION TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO IMPROVE RELATIONS.

2. I ASSURED CARAYANNIS US HAS DEEPEST RESPECT FOR KARAMANLIS AND WHAT HE IS TRYING TO DO. AMB BENNETT SECONDED ME ON THIS. I TOLD CARAYANNIS IN CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAD BEEN TRYING TO IMPRESS ON TURKS THE VIEW THAT IT IS AS MUCH IN TURKISH INTERESTS AS OURS TO HAVE HEALTHY FRIENDLY DEMOCRACY IN GREECE. IN EXPRESSING HOPE THAT ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS

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IN BOTH ATHENS AND NICOSIA HAD PEAKED, I SAID SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS

WERE SUBJECT TO EXPLOITATION BY ELEMENTS HOSTILE TO KARAMANLIS' GOVT.

3. CARAYANNIS AND I WERE EACH AT SOME PAINS TO CONVEY TO THE OTHER THAT WE WERE LOOKING AT CYPRUS ISSUE IN BROADEST POSSIBLE CONTEXT. CARAYANNIS EMPHASIZED THAT KARAMANLIS COULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO LOOK BEYOND TODAY'S PROBLEMS TO LONG-RANGE NECESSITY OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY, AND BETWEEN GREECE AND THE WEST IN GENERAL.

4. RE OUTLINES OF CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, CARAYANNIS ASKED WHAT KIND OF "GREATER AUTONOMY" WE THOUGHT TO BE REQUIRED FOR TURKISH COMMUNITY ON CYPRUS. I REPLIED THAT THIS QUESTION DIFFICULT TO ANSWER BECAUSE NEW DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT HAVE CHANGED EQUATION. HE DID NOT PRESS. WHEN I OBSERVED THAT REPS OF TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES HAD SEEMED MORE PRAGMATICALLY CONCILIATORY THAN THEIR MAINLAND SUPPORTERS AT GENEVA, CARAYANNIS AGREED BUT OPINED THAT CLERIDES HAD BEEN MUCH CLOSER TO MAVROS THAN DENKTASH TO GUNES. EXPRESSING ADMIRATION FOR CLERIDES, CARAYANNIS RECALLED THAT CLERIDES HAS ALWAYS SAID THAT "LEFT ALONE WITH DENKTASH, I WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY REACHING AGREEMENT."

5. AS CARAYANNIS DEPARTED, I URGED HIM TO USE THE TELEPHONE WHENEVER HE WANTED QUICK COMMUNICATION WITH ME OR AMB BENNETT. CARAYANNIS RECIPROCATED AND ADDED HE CONFIDENT WE COULD COMMUNICATE CLOSELY EVEN AT MOMENTS WHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES STRAINED.
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